

CALAIS CITY COUNCIL  
January 11, 2024

The first regular monthly meeting of the Calais City Council was held this date in the Council Chambers of the Calais City Building at 6:00 p.m.

Present was Mayor Mingo presiding over Councilors Sherrard, Rogers, Beale, Quinn, and Macdonald.

On a motion by Councilor Quinn and a second by Councilor Beale, it was unanimously voted to approve the following consent agenda:

- A. *Previous Minutes*
- B. *Approval of Monthly Departmental Reports*
- C. *Approval of Chase Fund for January \$150*
- D. *Treasurer's Warrants City through January 10, 2024*  
\$ 470,851.74
- E. *Treasurer's Warrants School through January 10, 2024*  
\$ 887,393.67
- F. *Treasurer's Warrants Water through January 10, 2024*  
\$ 41,390.67
- G. *Road Toll Schedule for 2024*
- H. *Perpetual Care-Brownell Lot*
- I. *Liquor License Renewal-St. Croix Club Inc.*
- J. *Liquor License Renewal-King China Restaurant*

Mayor Mingo then called for a public hearing to consider the repeal of the Refuse Collection Ordinance and amendments to the Solid Waste Disposal Areas and Snow Removal ordinances. After a time of public comment, the public hearing was closed. Councilor Rogers then made a motion to repeal the Refuse Collection Ordinance. Councilor Quinn seconded. All were in favor. A motion was then made by Councilor Quinn to amend the Snow Removal Ordinance as presented. Councilor Macdonald seconded. All were in favor. Lastly, Councilor Quinn made a motion to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Areas ordinance as presented. Councilor Macdonald seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**See Insert-Repealed and Amended Ordinances**

The City Manager then gave his report. He offered condolences on behalf of the City to Library Director Joyce Garland on the passing of her husband.

Attendance

Consent Agenda

Public Hearing-Repeal of Refuse Collection Ordinance and amending of Waste Disposal Areas and Snow Removal Ordinances

City Manager's Report

For follow up items, Councilor Rogers asked to add a review of the current budget to the next meeting's agenda.

For committees, none of them had met between council meetings. The School Liaison Committee will meet on January 24<sup>th</sup> @5pm at the high school library. The Economic/Community Development committee is meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> @5pm and the Public Safety Committee is going to meet on February 8<sup>th</sup> @5pm.

### **New Business**

The first items of new business were the scheduling of some public hearings. Public hearings were scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> to consider Medical Marijuana License renewals for both Smoke On The Water and The Higher Class. A Public Hearing was also scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> to consider amending the city's Junk Yard Ordinance.

Next the council considered a request from the Riverview Restaurant & Lounge to allow outdoor seating on the sidewalk in front of their business and an extension of their liquor license to include that seating area. Councilor Rogers made a motion to approve the request. Councilor Macdonald seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next, Councilor Beale presented information on the Connectivity Hubs Grant Program. After discussion, Councilor Sherrard made a motion to start the grant application process. Councilor Quinn seconded. All were in favor.

The next topic on the agenda was the purchase of new voting booths. This item was tabled for the time being.

Fire Chief Lee then made a request for permission to apply for a grant for the Fire Department. Councilor Sherrard made a motion to grant the request. Councilor Quinn seconded. All were in favor.

Lastly, the council discussed reviewing and possibly amending the City's Medical Marijuana Ordinance. It was decided to schedule a public hearing for February 8<sup>th</sup> regarding the matter.

Follow Ups

Committee Reports

Scheduling of Public Hearings

Outdoor Seating Request-  
Liquor License Extension

Connectivity Hubs Grant  
Application

New Voting Booths

Fire Department Grant  
Application

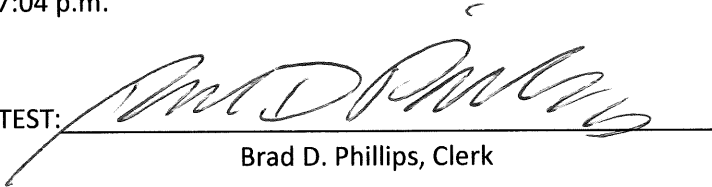
Medical Marijuana  
Ordinance Review

**Other topics discussed with no action taken included:**

- Recap of area damage from the storm on 12/18/23
- Flood Insurance Coverage
- Thank you to the line-workers and staff at EMEC for an outstanding job during the recent storms
- Thank you to the Public Works department and other city employees for their efforts during the recent storms
- Ideas for increased DBU awareness
- Thank you to department heads for monthly reports
- Update on Calais Rec Programs and thank you to Rec Director Morrison

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, it was moved by Councilor Sherrard, seconded by Councilor Quinn, and unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:04 p.m.

ATTEST:



Brad D. Phillips, Clerk

Roundtable